

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshifusa TOGAWA et al.

Serial No. 09/893,445

Group Art Unit: 3621

Confirmation No. 6318

Filed: June 29, 2001

Examiner: Pierre Elisca

For: STORAGE DEVICE HAVING FUNCTION FOR COPING WITH COMPUTER VIRUS

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant's request a refund of \$790.00, the fee for the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

As can be seen in the concurrently filed Response After Final Rejection, the Office has created confusion concerning what claims are pending in this application as well as what prior art is being used to reject the claims. Clarification of these issues has been requested previously and in the concurrently filed Response After Final Rejection. The concurrently filed RCE has been filed to keep the application pending and would not have been necessary had the Action of January 4, 2007 clarified the status of the claims and prior art rejections as had been previously requested. But for the continued confusion created by the Office, the RCE would not have been needed.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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